

OVERVIEW FROM SCOTT HERNESS

Master of Arts Teaching & Learning

The proposal was received to request changes to the non-thesis option of the MA in Teaching & Learning as well as a reduction in total credit hour for this option.

Presently, the MA in Teaching & Learning has both a thesis and non-thesis option. The total credit hour requirement for the former is 30 credit hours while the latter is 33 credit hours. The request was made to reduce the number of credit hours for the non-thesis option from 33 to 30 credit hours. It was noted that, in practice, some students work on their non-thesis portfolio over multiple semesters. Hence, hours for the non-thesis research course, EDUTL 7193 will be changed from 3 credit hours to variable 1 - 3 credit hour course.

The GC/CAA curricular subcommittee found the proposal to be straightforward, well documented, and exceptionally well prepared. The proposal was approved.

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Bryan Warnick
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Master of Arts Teaching & Learning

The combined Graduate School/Council on Academic Affairs curriculum subcommittee met on June 1st and, among its agenda items, considered the proposal requesting an adjustment in the credit hour requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning.

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The GC/CAA curricular subcommittee found the proposal to be straightforward, well documented, and exceptionally well prepared. The proposal was approved.

I will submit the proposal to the Graduate Council followed by Committee on Academic Affairs for their final approvals. As always, I am available for any questions or clarifications.

Many thanks,



Scott Herness
The Graduate School

Cc: Alan Hirvela, Andy Zircher



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Memo

May 2, 2017

To: Scott Herness, Associate Dean
Jill Toft, Administrative Associate to Associate Dean

CC: Andrew Zircher, Director of Assessment and Curriculum
Danielle Brown, Curriculum Development Specialist

From: Bryan Warnick, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

RE: PROGRAM CHANGE: MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

The faculty and administration of the College of Education and Human Ecology (EHE) have approved a request to revise the Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning from the Department of Teaching and Learning. The proposal was approved by the EHE Curriculum Committee on April 17, 2017 and received unanimous support. I am writing to request review of this proposal by the Graduate School/ Council on Academic Affairs curriculum subcommittee. If there are any questions, please contact me at warnick.11@osu.edu or Danielle Brown at brown.2199@osu.edu.



March 14, 2017

Dear Curriculum Committee,

Please see the attached changes to the Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning program. Faculty wish to make the following revisions:

- **Adjust** the minimum amount of credits to complete the MA to 30 hours for both the thesis and non-thesis option. Rationale: The Graduate School requirement for the Master's degree is 30 hours (minimum), with no distinction made between thesis and non-thesis options, and we wish to align with that figure across the board with our MA degree. Those pursuing the non-thesis option will, in addition to their 12 hours of required MA Core coursework, complete at least 18 credit hours in their area of specialization, and we regard this as an appropriate amount of coursework for the MA degree. This would also create more flexibility for our specialty areas that offer the MA concentration, as those regarding 18 credit hours of non-core coursework to be sufficient would be able to do so, while other areas can still require more than 30 credits to address the needs of their concentration. This was the rationale that led the Department of Teaching and Learning faculty to vote in favor of this adjustment, and that rationale was also accepted by our Graduate Studies Committee.
- **Adjust** the Non-Thesis EDUTL 7193 requirement from 3 credit hours to a requirement of 1-3 credit hours. Rationale: Here, too, we seek more flexibility within the MA program. The 3 credit requirement has long been linked to students' completion of a graduation exit option. MA students can select different exit options for graduation, and these may require differing degrees of student involvement as the students complete their exit option. For instance, some students select the portfolio option, and the portfolio is a document the students prepare throughout their coursework and in connection with course-related assignments. As such, during their graduation semester, student involvement in their option may not be significant, as much of the work would already have been completed. Under these circumstances, having the option of requiring just 1 or 2 credit hours would be sufficient. At the same time, in cases where student involvement during, say, the graduation semester would be significant, the 3 credit alternative would still exist. The motion to allow for such flexibility was approved by a vote of the Department of Teaching and Learning faculty and was supported by our Graduate Studies Committee.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alan Hirvela
Graduate Studies Chair
Department of Teaching and Learning
College of Education and Human Ecology

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) ADVISING SHEET
DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING & LEARNING
College of Education & Human Ecology
The Ohio State University

Final Examination

Students must select either a **Thesis or Non-Thesis** option and **must be registered for at least 3 credit hours the term of graduation.**

Please check one below:

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M.A. students completing the Thesis option must register for 3 credit hours of Thesis Research (EDUTL 7999) with his or her faculty advisor. For more information regarding the Thesis option, refer to the [Graduate School Handbook, Section VI, 6.4.](#)

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EDUTL 7193	Independent Study			1-3

Graduation Checklist

M.A. students are responsible for confirming that each requirement below has been met. If there are any questions or concerns, please consult T&L Academic Services.

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Is your cumulative GPA at a 3.0 or above?	
Do you have any missing grades or incompletes?	
Are you or will you be registered for 3 hours in the term of your graduation?	
Will you be completing the M.A. within a 6-year timeframe?	
Have you taken at least 80% of your M.A. coursework at OSU?	
List your total M.A. credit hours:	

Student Signature:	
Faculty Advisor Signature:	

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